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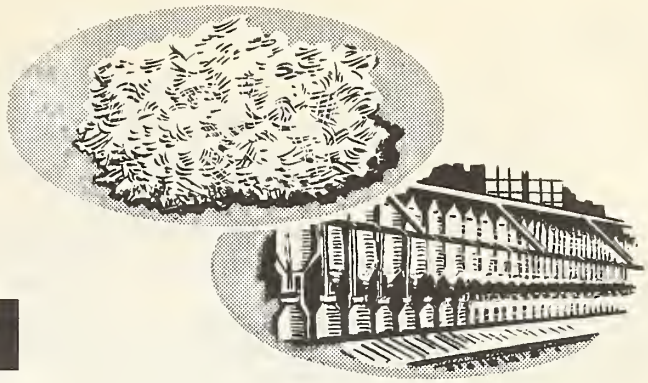

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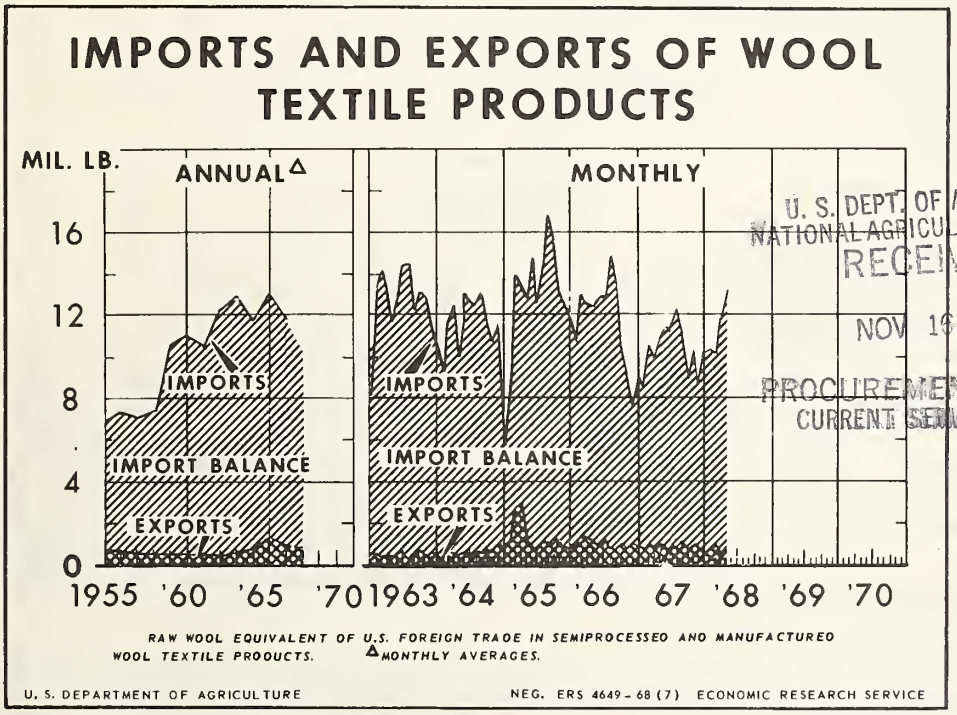

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Wool Situation at a Glance

Item	Unit	1967 April	1967 May	1967 June	1968 April	1968 May	1968 June
Average price received by farmers, grease basis	Ct. per lb.	39.4	40.1	42.1	39.8	41.2	41.6
Parity price 1/	Ct. per lb.	86.3	86.5	86.8	88.6	88.9	88.9
Farm price as a percentage of parity	Percent	46	46	49	45	46	47
Index numbers of prices received by farmers	1910-14=100	221	225	237	224	231	234
Index numbers of prices received by farmers	1957-59=100	92	93	96	91	94	95
Domestic prices, Boston, clean basis 2/							
Graded territory							
Fine, good French combing and staple	Ct. per lb.	117.5	117.5	123.5	119.0	120.8	122.0
1/2 blood, good French combing and staple	Ct. per lb.	107.5	107.5	116.2	104.5	107.6	110.0
Graded fleece							
3/8 blood, good French combing and staple	Ct. per lb.	91.8	89.5	97.5	82.5	82.0	82.0
1/4 blood, good French combing and staple	Ct. per lb.	87.9	86.5	92.5	80.5	80.0	80.0
Original bag Texas, fine 12 months							
good French combing and staple	Ct. per lb.	112.5	116.5	125.0	124.0	124.0	125.0
Imported prices, Boston, clean, excluding duty 2/							
Australian, 64's 70's, good topmaking	Ct. per lb.	112.5	112.5	117.5	117.5	117.5	117.5
Australian, 64's combing	Ct. per lb.	107.5	107.5	112.5	112.5	112.5	112.5
Montevideo, 0's (58's, 60's)	Ct. per lb.	92.5	92.5	94.5	79.0	79.0	79.0
Montevideo, 2's (50's)	Ct. per lb.	82.5	82.5	72.5	61.5	61.5	61.5
Buenos Aires, 5's (40's)	Ct. per lb.	52.0	46.4	46.0	45.5	44.0	44.0
BLS Wholesale price index 3/							
All commodities	1957-59=100	105.3	105.8	106.3	108.3	108.5	108.7
Textile products and apparel	1957-59=100	101.8	101.6	101.6	104.7	104.8	---
Wool products	1957-59=100	102.9	103.1	103.2	103.0	103.5	---
Wool broadwoven fabrics	1957-59=100	106.7	106.7	106.7	107.1	107.8	---
Personal income payments (adjusted) 4/	Bil. dol.	616.5	618.2	622.6	669.8	674.0	---
Retail store sales (apparel group adjusted) 4/	Mil. dol.	1,585	1,490	1,524	1,533	---	---
Mill consumption, scoured basis 5/							
Average weekly rate (unadjusted) 6/							
Apparel wool	1,000 lb.	4,661	4,751	4,652	4,978	4,810	---
Carpet wool	1,000 lb.	1,646	1,779	1,381	1,766	1,798	---
Average weekly rate (seasonally adjusted) 6/							
Apparel wool	1,000 lb.	4,426	4,367	4,315	4,714	4,421	---
Carpet wool	1,000 lb.	1,683	1,784	1,454	1,804	1,803	---
Monthly aggregates 6/							
Apparel wool	Mil. lb.	18.6	19.0	23.3	24.9	19.2	---
Carpet wool	Mil. lb.	6.6	7.1	6.9	8.8	7.2	---
Accumulated since January 1							
Apparel wool	Mil. lb.	77.6	96.6	119.9	86.6	105.6	---
Carpet wool	Mil. lb.	26.6	33.7	40.6	32.6	39.8	---
Total apparel and carpet	Mil. lb.	104.2	130.3	160.5	119.3	145.7	---
Imports for consumption, clean content							
Monthly aggregates							
Dutiable wools	1,000 lb.	10,708	8,287	9,489	12,761	12,960	8,705
Duty-free wools	1,000 lb.	3,241	5,566	6,347	10,018	8,225	10,287
Accumulated since January 1							
Dutiable wools	Mil. lb.	41.0	49.2	58.7	52.9	65.9	74.6
Duty-free wools	Mil. lb.	20.2	25.8	32.1	39.1	47.3	52.6
Total dutiable and duty-free	Mil. lb.	61.2	75.0	90.9	92.0	113.2	132.2
Man-made staple and tow prices							
Acrilan 3 denier 7/	Ct. per lb.	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0
Dacron, 3 denier, type 54 7/	Ct. per lb.	72.0	72.0	72.0	61.0	61.0	61.0
Orlon, 3 denier, 7/	Ct. per lb.	106.0	106.0	106.0	89.0	89.0	89.0
Viscose, 1 1/2 denier 8/	Ct. per lb.	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0

1/ Effective parity prices as computed currently using base prices in effect and indexes for months indicated. These are the legally applicable parity prices for the following month. 2/ From Weekly Review of the Boston Wool Market. 3/ United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 4/ United States Department of Commerce (seasonally adjusted annual rates). 5/ On woolen and worsted systems; excludes wool consumed on the cotton and other spinning systems and in the manufacture of processed felt, hat bodies, and other miscellaneous products. 6/ 4 or 5 weeks generally totaling 13 weeks per quarter. 7/ From Modern Textile Magazine. 8/ From Textile Organon.

THE WOOL SITUATION

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SUMMARY*

World wool prices remained relatively stable during February-June 1968, after having recovered slightly from the 9-year low set in November 1967. They have changed little since February despite increases in wool industry activity. Mill consumption of raw wool during first quarter 1968 increased in all major manufacturing countries of the Free World, except Italy. And exports of raw wool from the 5 major surplus-producing countries of the Southern Hemisphere rose. But world supplies of wool continued relatively large.

World consumption of wool during the rest of 1968 is expected to continue above a year earlier. But prices in coming months probably will average close to present levels. World wool production was record high in 1967-68. Wool stocks are still relatively large in Southern Hemisphere countries though they may be slightly smaller than a year ago. Little change is expected in world wool production during 1968-69, reflecting the relatively stable inventory of sheep.

Wool production in the United States in 1968, however, will total less than in 1967, continuing the declining trend that began in 1961. U.S. mill consumption of raw apparel wool during January-May 1968 was up moderately from a year earlier and well in excess of domestic wool production. As a result, imports of dutiable raw wool in the first half of 1968 rose sharply from January-June 1967. Even so, Boston prices of the imported wool thus far in 1968 have been running close to the low year-earlier levels. Prices received by U.S. growers for shorn wool in January-July 1968 also continued depressed. Accordingly, the national-average price for U.S. shorn wool in 1968 likely will be close to the 1967 average of 39.8 cents a pound, grease basis.

U.S. shorn wool production in 1968 was estimated in July at 176 million pounds, greasy basis, nearly 7 percent less than in 1967. The decline was due to a corresponding drop in the expected numbers of sheep shorn or to be shorn; fleece weights are estimated to remain about the same as a year earlier. Production of shorn wool in the 11 Western States, Texas, and South Dakota is expected to decline 6 percent, and production in the 35 Native States will be 8 percent below a year earlier.

Mill consumption of raw apparel wool in 1968 probably will total some 7 to 9 percent more than the low 229 million pounds, scoured basis, used in 1967. Consumption during January-May 1968 was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 239 million pounds,

*The summary of this report was released August 5, 1968.

up 5 percent from a year earlier. A moderate decline in stocks of wool fabric at weaving mills, and increased unfilled orders for fabric contributed largely to the recovery in apparel wool consumption. But low prices for raw wool and a sharp rise in consumer incomes also aided the increase in mill consumption. However, the advance in consumers' after-tax incomes may slow in coming months. Man-made fiber's share of total fiber use in wool mills increased further in January-May 1968.

Demand for the longer staple fine wools in January-May 1968 was relatively more favorable than demand for lower grades of wool. This resulted in 60's and finer wool accounting for 51 percent of total raw wool use in January-May 1968, compared with 48 percent in the first 5 months of 1967. Also, raw apparel wool use on the worsted system in January-May 1968 increased 22 percent from a year earlier, but wool use on the woolen system declined 8 percent. Gray worsted fabric production during January-May 1968 increased 11 percent above a year earlier; that of woolen goods declined 4 percent.

Imports of semiprocessed and manufactured wool textiles during January-May were 14 percent larger than a year earlier. This increase is associated with the improved demand for wool products, and imports of these products probably will continue large in coming months.

Because of a further decline in U.S. raw wool production together with larger mill use of apparel wool, imports of dutiable raw wool during January-June 1968 rose 27 percent from a year earlier. For the year, imports of these wools probably will increase by a third from the 109 million pounds, clean content, in 1967.

Mill use of carpet wool during January-May 1968 was 18 percent above a year earlier. Imports of duty-free raw wool in January-June were up 79 percent from a year earlier. Carpet wool prices are relatively low, and production of carpets and rugs is increasing. Even so, man-made fiber's share of total fiber use in carpets and rugs increased further in early 1968. Consumption of carpet wool in 1968 probably will total 95 to 100 million pounds, compared with 84 million pounds, scoured basis, in 1967. Imports may be up as much as a third from the 78 million pounds, clean content, in 1967.

THE DOMESTIC SITUATION

U.S. WOOL PRICES CONTINUE LOW

Boston prices of domestic wool firmed slightly during April-July 1968 but averaged close to last year's low levels. U.S. mill consumption of apparel wool in January-May 1968 was above a year earlier. With domestic wool production smaller, U.S. imports of apparel class wool in January-June 1968 rose sharply from a year earlier. But Boston prices of imported Australian wool during January-June 1968 were about the same as a year earlier; prices of Montevideo wools were lower.

Demand for raw wool in the United States is expected to continue firm during the rest of 1968. However, world supply/demand conditions point to little, if any, recovery in world prices. Consequently, wool prices in the United States during coming months of 1968 probably will average near the April-July level. Marketings of wool by growers usually are largest during March-July, averaging about 75 percent of annual sales in 1964-67. (See table 9.) Accordingly, the national-average price received by growers for shorn wool in 1968 is expected to be around 40 cents a pound, grease basis--about the same as in 1967. (See table 1.)

Price differentials among 46's and 64's U.S. shorn wool in July 1968 were about the same as in July 1967. However, July 1968 prices of longer combing types tended to be relatively stronger than prices of shorter wools, due primarily to the sharp increase in wool use on the worsted system. (See fig. 1.)

1968 SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION DOWN 7 PERCENT

U.S. production of shorn wool for 1968 was estimated in July to total 176 million pounds, grease basis, nearly 7 percent less than in 1967. The 1968 grease wool production is equivalent to about 84 million pounds, clean basis. The number of sheep shorn or to be shorn in 1968 declined over 6 percent, to 20.6 million head. Fleece weights in 1968 are expected to average about the same as the 8.6 pounds in 1967. (See tables 10 and 11.)

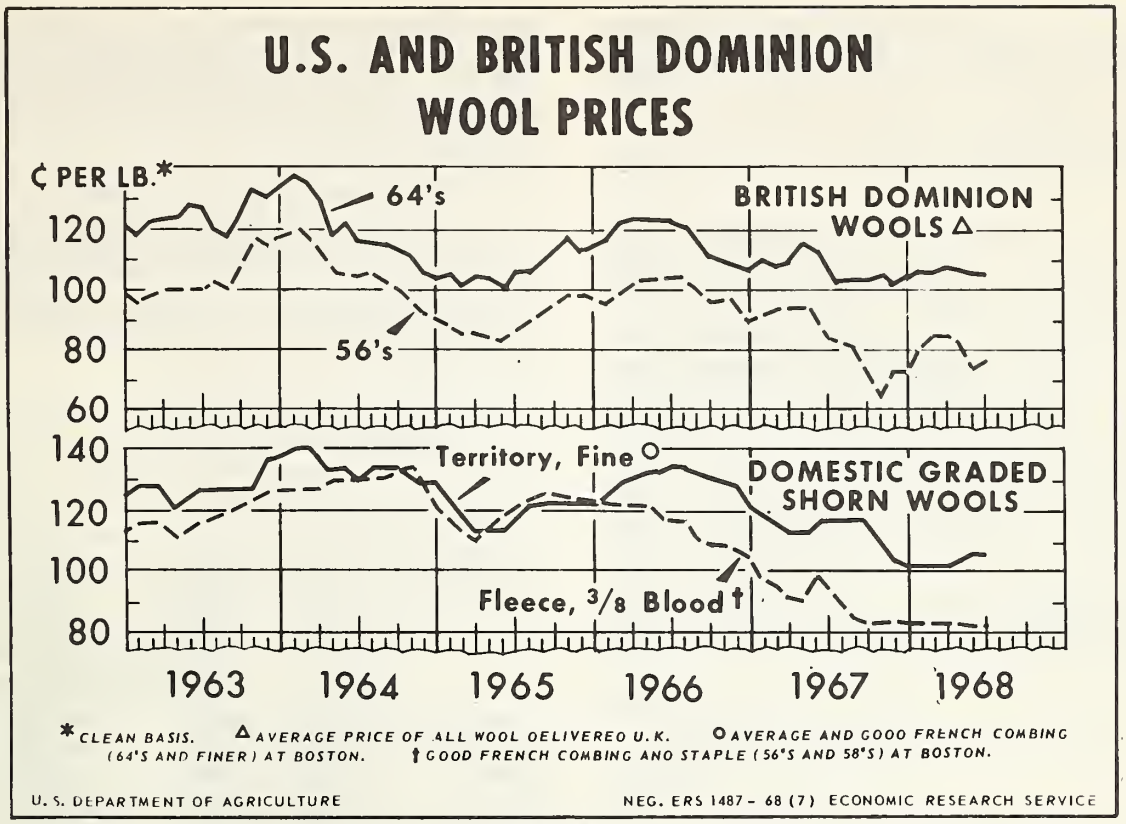

Figure 1

Table 1.--Average price per pound, grease basis, received by farmers for shorn wool, U.S., by months, 1964-68

Month	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968 1/
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
Jan.	50.3	45.0	47.7	40.6	39.0
Feb.	52.5	45.9	50.2	40.4	37.0
Mar.	54.9	46.3	53.1	40.6	37.9
Apr.	54.6	46.9	54.0	39.4	39.8
May	53.8	47.3	53.3	40.1	41.2
June	54.7	48.8	54.0	42.1	41.6
July	52.4	47.3	51.3	41.4	40.9
Aug.	51.0	46.8	49.0	40.5	
Sept.	50.0	45.9	47.4	38.2	
Oct.	51.2	45.6	42.4	38.9	
Nov.	49.3	46.0	43.0	38.2	
Dec.	47.3	46.8	43.1	35.6	
Weighted season average	53.2	47.1	52.1	39.8	

1/ Preliminary.
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Production of shorn wool in the 11 Western States, Texas, and South Dakota, where most of the territory wool is produced, will total about 133 million pounds, grease basis, in 1968. This is 6 percent less than a year earlier. The 15.3 million number of sheep shorn or to be shorn is down 6 percent, and the average weight per fleece, at 8.7 pounds, is about the same as a year earlier.

The 35 Native or fleece-wool States will shear about 7 percent fewer sheep and produce about 8 percent less wool in 1968. Fleece weights are slightly smaller this year, averaging about 8.0 pounds.

Shorn wool production is expected to increase in 3 States, remain unchanged in 2 States, but decline in all others during 1968. Production in Texas, accounting for 20 percent of the U.S. total will be 5 percent smaller in 1968. Wyoming, the second largest wool-producing State, will produce 7 percent less wool than in 1967. Production in Idaho will increase during 1968, but California, South Dakota, Montana, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, and Iowa will produce less wool than in 1967.

The above 10 leading States will account for 73 percent of total U.S. shorn wool production in 1968. (See table 12.)

MILL USE OF APPAREL WOOL INCREASING

U.S. mill consumption of raw apparel wool began recovering in late 1967, after having declined sharply since mid-1966. Wool use during the first 5 months of 1968 was up 10 percent from a year earlier. (See table 2.) This increase in mill use of raw wool resulted primarily from a previous decline in stocks of wool fabric, and an increase in unfilled orders for fabric. The sharp advance in consumer incomes so far this year as well as the relatively low wool prices also contributed to the upturn in wool consumption. Even with this upturn in wool use, man-made fiber's increased their share of total fiber use. Wool use in Government-ordered fabric has declined.

Table 2.--U.S. mill consumption of raw wool, scoured basis, January-May 1959 to date

Year	Apparel wool	Carpet wool	Total
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
1959	110,219	75,919	186,138
1960	106,199	75,013	181,212
1961	100,093	57,518	157,611
1962	123,658	60,661	184,319
1963	117,134	72,005	189,139
1964	100,247	52,590	152,837
1965	108,217	46,613	154,830
1966	122,315	46,363	168,678
1967	96,598	33,696	130,294
1968 1/	105,885	39,801	145,686

1/ Preliminary.
Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Raw apparel wool consumption during June-December 1968 probably will continue above year-earlier rates. (See table 13.) Wool fabric inventories are down from last year's relatively high levels, and little change is expected in wool prices. However, competition from man-made fibers will remain strong. Wool consumption is expected to increase somewhat from the 239 million pounds annual rate in January-May and for the year probably will total 245 to 250 million pounds, scoured basis. This would be some 7 to 9 percent more than the 229 million pounds consumed in 1967.

Wool grading 60's and finer accounted for 51 percent of total wool consumption during January-May 1968, up slightly from 48 percent in January-May 1967. Use of these grades of wool declined on the worsted system but rose on the woolen system. (See table 3.)

Table 3.--Percentage distribution of apparel wool consumption, by system and grades, January-May 1964 to date

Year	60's and finer	50's up to 60's	48's and coarser	Total
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
	Woolen system			
1964	42.3	48.2	9.5	100.0
1965	41.1	50.7	8.2	100.0
1966	37.1	55.4	7.5	100.0
1967	31.7	61.5	6.8	100.0
1968 1/	36.1	55.8	8.1	100.0
	Worsted system			
1964	53.0	38.1	8.9	100.0
1965	57.6	37.1	5.3	100.0
1966	60.3	39.7		100.0
1967	60.2	39.8		100.0
1968 1/	58.8	41.2		100.0
	Total			
1964	48.5	42.4	9.1	100.0
1965	51.2	42.4	6.4	100.0
1966	51.8	48.2		100.0
1967	48.1	51.9		100.0
1968 1/	50.7	49.3		100.0

1/ Preliminary.
Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Worsted system consumption of raw wool during January-May 1968 rose 22 percent above a year earlier. About 63 million pounds of wool top were combed, compared with 51 million pounds a year earlier. (See table 14.) Man-made fiber tow converted to top without combing in January-May 1968 amounted to 50 million pounds, or 43 percent more than a year earlier.

Wool consumption on the woolen system, for yarns except carpet and rug, declined 8 percent in January-May 1968, but the use of other fibers was 8 percent larger. Man-made fiber consumption was 19 percent larger than a year earlier, and these fibers accounted for 35 percent of total fiber use. (See table 14.)

FINISHED WOOL APPAREL FABRIC STOCKS DOWN, UNFILLED ORDERS UP

Stocks of finished wool apparel fabric at the weaving mill level at the end of May 1968 were 7 percent below a year earlier, and unfilled orders for fabric were 27 percent above a year earlier. Accordingly, the ratio of stocks to unfilled orders of finished wool apparel fabric declined from .36 at the end of May 1967 to .26 at the end of May 1968. (See table 4.) Most of this decline occurred in late 1967 and was an important factor influencing the recovery in wool consumption in early 1968.

Table 4--Finished wool apparel fabrics: Ratio of inventories to unfilled orders, by months, 1964 to date

Month	Inventories as a percentage of unfilled orders				
	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Jan.	35	21	17	37	26
Feb.	37	21	19	35	27
Mar.	39	22	20	37	28
Apr.	36	22	25	36	28
May	35	21	23	36	26
June	33	19	23	33	
July	29	21	24	29	
Aug.	39	19	24	29	
Sept.	27	18	27	28	
Oct.	22	17	26	27	
Nov.	21	20	29	25	
Dec.	20	17	31	25	

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

The stocks/unfilled orders ratio is determined from data on finished woolen, worsted, and polyester-wool blend fabrics. Stocks of woolen and worsted fabric at the end of May 1968 were below a year earlier; those of polyester-wool blend fabric were larger. Unfilled orders for woolen fabric at the end of May 1968 were slightly less than a year earlier. But unfilled orders for worsted fabric and polyester-wool blend fabric rose 51 percent and 48 percent, respectively. (See table 15.)

PRODUCTION OF WOOL SALES YARN UP SLIGHTLY

Average weekly production of wool yarn for sale to the knitting trades in January-May 1968 was 3 percent above a year earlier. This indicates only slight recovery in 1968 knit goods production from low 1967 levels. Production of worsted yarns for knitting in the first 5 months of 1968 was 2 percent more than a year earlier, and that of woolen yarn was 7 percent larger.

Output of wool yarn for sale to broad-woven fabric producers in January-May was down 3 percent from a year earlier. But production of wool sales yarn for carpets and rugs rose 11 percent.

WOOL APPAREL FABRIC OUTPUT LOW

Weekly production of gray wool apparel fabric during January-May 1968 averaged about the same as a year earlier. Output of worsted fabric rose 11 percent, but that of woolen fabric declined 4 percent. Inventories of gray wool apparel fabric have been at relatively low levels in recent months. At the end of May 1968, they were 9 percent less than a year earlier. Inventories of both worsteds and woolens declined. Although gray wool fabric production has continued relatively low thus far in 1968, some increase is expected in coming months, and 1968 production probably will exceed last year's 229 million linear yards.

First-quarter 1968 production of finished wool apparel fabric totaled 3 percent more than a year earlier. Output of fabric for women's and children's wear declined 4 percent, and production for Government orders decreased 7 percent from a year earlier. But wool fabric production for men's and boys' wear rose 15 percent. A sharp drop in wool blanket production in January-March 1968 contributed to a 45-percent decline in non-apparel wool fabric output. Woven wool felt production in first quarter 1968 was 4 percent less than a year earlier. (See table 16.)

Deliveries of fabric (wool, cotton, and man-made fiber) to the military forces in January-April 1968 were down 43 percent from the peak level of a year earlier. Deliveries of all-wool fabrics declined 60 percent. (See tables 17, and 18.)

U.S. IMPORTS OF WOOL TEXTILES LARGER

U.S. imports of semiprocessed and manufactured wool textile products during January-May 1968 totaled 56 million pounds, raw wool content, 14 percent more than a year earlier. These products are largely noils, woven fabric, and apparel. The increase in imports during 1968 is associated with the strengthening demand for wool products. Imports during the last half of 1968 probably will continue above year-earlier levels, if further recovery in wool industry activity develops as expected. Exports of wool textiles during January-May 1968 amounted to 4 million pounds, raw wool content--26 percent less than a year earlier. (See tables 19, and 20.)

Imports of all wool apparel products except tops rose, totaling 33 million pounds in the first half of 1968. This was 28 percent above a year earlier. Imports of wool wastes, also increased in 1968, but imports of noils and wool carpets and rugs declined.

DUTIABLE RAW WOOL IMPORTS LARGER

Imports of dutiable raw wool during January-June 1968 totaled 27 percent more than in the first half of 1967, reflecting the United States' growing requirements for wool from other countries. U.S. mill consumption of apparel wool rose during January-May 1968, and the declining trend in U.S. wool production continued. Imports in the last half of 1968 are expected to continue above a year earlier, because of the higher rate of consumption. Imports for all of 1968 probably will amount to some 145 to 150 million pounds, clean content. Imports in 1967 totaled 109 million pounds. (See table 5.)

Dutiable raw wool imports have averaged slightly coarser thus far in 1968. Wool grading finer than 56's accounted for 69 percent of total imports during January-June 1968, but this was down about 1 percentage point from a year earlier. Imports of wool grading 46's to 56's increased. (See table 6.)

Table 5.--Imports of dutiable and duty-free wool for consumption into the United States, clean content, January-June 1959 to date

Year	Dutiable	Duty-free	Total
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
1959	59,490	112,616	172,106
1960	43,908	83,043	126,951
1961	46,612	79,808	126,420
1962	66,168	65,867	136,035
1963	69,290	83,238	152,527
1964	47,575	59,969	107,544
1965	82,250	49,549	131,799
1966	104,623	56,121	160,745
1967 1/	58,727	32,132	90,859
1968 1/	74,580	57,597	132,177

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Table 6.--Quality composition of dutiable and duty-free imports, clean content, United States, January-June 1965 to date

Grade	1965	1966	1967 1/	1968 1/
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
	Dutiable			
Finer than 56's	73.4	72.9	70.2	69.3
46's to 56's	16.4	13.9	18.0	19.8
40's to 46's	3.0	6.0	3.3	3.1
Not finer than 40's	7.2	7.2	8.5	7.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Duty-free			
44's to 46's	10.9	13.4	12.1	14.6
40's to 44's	24.5	32.3	33.6	31.0
Not finer than 40's	44.6	33.1	39.0	43.4
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	20.0	21.2	15.3	11.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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The 5 major surplus-producing countries of the Southern Hemisphere supplied 93 percent of total U.S. imports during January-June 1968, and U.S. imports from each country

except Argentina were larger in first half 1968 than a year earlier. But primarily because of improved exporting conditions in Uruguay, this country supplied 13 percent of total U.S. imports in first half 1968 compared with 4 percent a year earlier. The percentage from Australia declined from 48 percent in 1967 to 40 percent in 1968. Imports from New Zealand declined from 20 percent of the U.S. total in 1967 to 17 percent in 1968. Percentages for Argentina and South Africa were relatively stable at 7 percent and 15 percent, respectively.

CARPET WOOL USE LARGER

U.S. mill consumption of carpet wool in the first 5 months of 1968 totaled 40 million pounds, 18 percent more than a year earlier. (See table 2.) Consumption of carpet wool rose sharply in late 1967, but further recovery has not occurred in 1968. Weekly consumption of wool, seasonally adjusted, during January-May held relatively stable at an annual rate of 94 million pounds. (See table 13.)

Total fiber consumption in the spinning of carpet and rug yarns on the woolen system in January-May 1968 was 36 percent more than a year earlier. But use of man-made fibers rose 53 percent and their share of total fiber use rose to 62 percent from 55 percent a year earlier. Accordingly, wool's share of total fiber use in January-May 1968 declined to 35 percent from 40 percent. (See table 14.)

Mill use of raw carpet wool in all of 1968 probably will total 95 to 100 million pounds, scoured basis. This indicates little change from the current rate of consumption. Prices of carpet wool have continued relatively low, and total fiber use for carpets and rugs is increasing. But man-made fibers probably will account for most of the increase in total fiber consumption.

DUTY-FREE RAW WOOL IMPORTS UP 79 PERCENT

Reflecting increased mill use, U.S. imports of duty-free raw wool during January-June 1968 rose 79 percent from the relatively small imports of a year earlier. Imports in 1968 are now expected to total around 100 million pounds, clean content. (See table 5.)

The improved wools accounted for an increasing share of total imports in the first half of 1968, continuing the trend of recent years. Imports of the named unimproved wools from the Middle East and Asia declined. (See table 6.)

New Zealand in the first half of 1968 supplied 46 percent of total U.S. imports, and Argentina supplied 31 percent. This was an increase of 3 percentage points for New Zealand. Argentina's share of total U.S. imports in 1968 was about the same as a year earlier.

THE WORLD WOOL SITUATION

WORLD WOOL PRICES STABLE

World demand for raw wool during first quarter 1968 was marked by increased mill consumption in major manufacturing countries. Raw wool exports from the 5 surplus-producing countries of the Southern Hemisphere rose. However, world wool supplies continued large, and competition from man-made fibers was strong. Consequently, world wool prices changed little during February-June 1968. Prospective supply/demand conditions for the rest of 1968 suggest little change in world prices. World wool consumption in 1968 is expected to continue above 1967 levels. But wool production is relatively large and sales of some New Zealand stock wool are scheduled for this fall. On balance, however, prices during the last half of 1968 are expected to average near current levels.

Prices of British Dominion combing wools in June 1968 averaged 6 percent higher than in November 1967 (a low point in the 1967 price decline). All of the increases, however, occurred during December-February. The price differential between wools grading 56's and those grading 64's narrowed slightly between November and June, after having widened sharply in late 1967. (See table 21 and figure 1.)

WORLD SHEEP NUMBERS STABLE

The world sheep population totaled a record 1 billion head in 1968. However, this is only slightly larger than the 1967 population, indicating for the season beginning in 1968 that world wool production will total close to last year's 3,409 million pounds, clean basis. (See table 7.) More favorable producer prices may develop in the future if wool production stabilizes. Increased wool production in the 1966 and 1967 seasons and the inroads of man-made fibers in the market contributed to depressed wool prices during the last 2 years.

Table 7.--Estimated world consumption and production of raw wool, clean content, annual 1959 to date

Year	Consumption 1/	Production 2/
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.
1959	3,172	3,220
1960	3,310	3,225
1961	3,332	3,270
1962	3,318	3,257
1963	3,324	3,320
1964	3,202	3,266
1965	3,278	3,287
1966	3,394	3,364
1967	3,226	3,409
1968 3/	3,320	3,430

1/ Calendar year. 2/ Marketing year. 3/ Estimated. Compiled from reports of the Commonwealth Secretariat, Commodities Division.

Sheep numbers rose about 2 percent in the U.S.S.R., and 1 percent in Asia and Oceania from 1967 to 1968. Numbers were stable in Africa and South America. But the sheep population in North America and Europe declined 6 percent and 1 percent, respectively. These changes continue recent trends in concentration of the sheep industry.

WORLD WOOL USE RECOVERING

Mill consumption of raw wool (daily rate basis) in 7 major manufacturing countries of the Free World rose during first quarter 1968, after declining sharply in 1967. Increases were underway in all countries except Italy. First quarter 1968 wool use was 4 percent above first quarter 1967 and 6 percent (daily rate basis) above fourth quarter 1967. Raw wool prices declined to relatively low levels in late 1967, and there is some evidence that stocks of wool textiles have been reduced from high 1967 levels. No substantial change is expected in wool prices in coming months. Accordingly, wool consumption in 1968 probably will total more than in 1967, but is not expected to exceed the 1966 record consumption of 3,394 million pounds, clean basis. (See table 7.)

The increase this year follows a 5-percent decline in world wool consumption in 1967. Wool use in 9 major manufacturing countries of the Free World (accounting for 54 percent of world total) declined 10 percent from 1966 to 1967. But consumption in the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, and Mainland China rose 4 percent. Consumption of wool in other countries in 1967 was 2 percent more than in 1966. Eight of the 9 major Free World countries consumed less wool in 1967 than in 1966. Decreases ranged from 4 percent in Japan to 19 percent in West Germany. Australia consumed 6 percent more wool. (See table 22.)

Man-made fiber's share of total fiber use continued to rise during 1967. In the wool industries of 6 countries, these fibers accounted for 27 percent of total fiber consumption, up from 24 percent in 1966. Virgin wool's share declined from 50 percent in 1966 to about 48 percent in 1967. Use of reprocessed wool and other fibers also was lower in 1967.

WORLD WOOL TEXTILE OUTPUT INCREASED

Production of wool textile products in major manufacturing countries declined sharply in 1967, but some increase occurred in first quarter 1968. This was associated with the recent increase in raw wool consumption and indicates some improvement in 1968 wool industry activity. Production of wool tops in 1967 was 11 percent below a year earlier; output of worsted and woolen yarn, and woven wool fabric was 6 to 8 percent smaller. However, by first quarter 1968, production of worsted yarn was 5 percent above a year earlier, and output of woven wool fabrics was 3 percent larger. Production of woolen yarn and wool tops was about the same. (See table 23.)

Wool textile production in Australia during 1967 generally increased over a year earlier, and Japan produced more fabric and worsted yarn. Activity in other countries declined sharply in 1967. Production in Italy, France, and Japan during first quarter 1968 declined slightly from a year earlier, but this was offset by increased output in other countries.

RAW WOOL EXPORTS INCREASE SLIGHTLY

Exports of raw wool from the 5 major surplus-producing countries of the Southern Hemisphere through early 1968 were 5 percent above a year earlier. Increased mill use of raw wool in Northern Hemisphere countries in early 1968 contributed to the pick up in exports. South Africa exported slightly less wool, but Australia's exports increased 2 percent from a year earlier. Wool exports from New Zealand and Argentina increased 8 percent and 13 percent, respectively. Those from Uruguay were nearly double a year earlier. (See table 8.)

Table 8.--Exports of wool, actual weight, from Southern Hemisphere surplus-producing countries, 1965/66, 1966/67, and 1967/68 seasons through April 1/

Exporting countries	1965/66	1966/67	1967/68
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.
Australia	1,118	1,189	1,214
New Zealand	457	409	440
Republic of South Africa	239	208	205
Argentina 2/	265	188	212
Uruguay 3/	78	39	72

1/ Season beginning July 1 in Australia, New Zealand, and Republic of South Africa, and beginning October 1, in Argentina and Uruguay.
2/ Through May.
3/ Through March.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Part I - Domestic wool prices, Boston, clean basis

Item	1967 March	1967 April	1967 May	1967 June	1968 March	1968 April	1968 May	1968 June	Latest data available as percent of a year earlier
	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Percent
Graded territory shorn wool									
Fine good French combing and staple	121.3	117.5	117.5	123.5	117.8	119.0	120.8	122 0	99
1/2 blood good French combing and staple	111.7	107.5	107.5	116.2	104.5	104.5	107.6	110.0	95
3/8 blood good French combing and staple	100.5	91.8	92.1	102.5	93.0	93.0	93.8	95.0	93
1/4 blood good French combing and staple	95.5	87.9	88.9	99.0	89.4	90.0	90.8	92.0	93
Low 1/4 blood	90.5	82.5	82.5	87.5	77.5	77.5	80.0	80.0	91
Common and braid	85.5	82.5	82.5	87.5	77.5	77.5	72.0	72.0	82
Graded fleece shorn wool									
Delaine	121.7	117.5	117.5	126.2	115.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	95
1/2 blood good French combing and staple	106.7	103.8	102.5	111.2	100.5	102.0	102.0	102.0	92
3/8 blood good French combing and staple	94.5	91.8	89.5	97.5	82.5	82.5	82.0	82.0	84
1/4 blood good French combing and staple	89.1	87.9	86.5	92.5	80.5	80.5	80.0	80.0	86
Low 1/4 blood	85.5	82.5	82.5	87.5	72.5	72.5	76.0	76.0	87
Common and braid	85.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	72.5	72.5	68.0	68.0	82
Original bag Texas shorn wool									
Fine 12 months good French combing and staple	121.5	112.5	116.5	125.0	119.5	124.0	124.0	125.0	100
Fine 8 months (1 in. and over)	105.5	97.5	99.5	102.5	100.5	102.0	102.0	102.0	100
Fine fall (3/4 in. and over)	96 5	92.5	92.5	92.5	97.5	97.5	97.5	97.5	105
Scoured pulled wool									
70's, 2 in. and longer	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	117.5	117.5	117.5	117.5	96
64's, 70's, 1 1/2 in. and longer	117.5	117.5	117.5	117.5	112.5	112.5	112.5	112.5	96
60's, 64's, 1 1/2 in. and longer	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	95
60's, 1 1/2 in. and longer	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.5	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	96
58's, 60's, 2 in. and longer	102.0	102.0	102.0	102.4	96.5	97.0	97.0	97.0	95
56's, 58's, 2 in. and longer	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	93.8	95.0	95.0	95.0	95
56's, 2 in. and longer	97.5	97.5	97.5	97.5	90.5	90.5	88.7	87.5	90
50's, 56's, 2 in. and longer	96.5	96.5	96.5	96.5	87.5	87.5	86.3	85.5	89
44's, 50's, 4 in. and longer	94.5	94.5	94.5	94.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	87
36's, 44's, 4 in. and longer	92.5	92.5	92.5	92.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	89

Compiled from Weekly Review of the Boston Wool Market.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Part II - U.S. Mill Consumption and Imports

Item	Unit	1967 Feb.	1967 Mar.	1967 Apr.	1967 May	1968 Feb.	1968 Mar.	1968 Apr.	1968 May	Latest data available as percent of a year earlier
Mill consumption, scoured basis 1/										
Average weekly rate during month 2/										
Apparel wool 3/	1,000									
60's and finer	pounds	2,205	1,982	2,147	2,347	2,386	2,465	2,718	2,401	102
50's up to 60's	do.	2,382	2,435	2,514	2,404	2,539	2,383	2,260	2,409	100
48's and coarser	do.									
Total apparel wool	do.	4,587	4,417	4,661	4,751	4,925	4,848	4,978	4,810	101
Carpet wool 4/	do.	1,518	1,362	1,646	1,779	1,887	1,812	1,766	1,798	101
Total apparel and carpet	do.	6,105	5,779	6,307	6,530	6,812	6,660	6,744	6,608	101
Monthly aggregates 2/										
Apparel wool 3/	Million									
60's and finer	pounds	8.8	9.9	8.6	9.4	9.5	9.9	13.6	9.6	102
50's up to 60's	do.	9.5	12.2	10.1	9.6	10.2	9.5	11.3	9.6	100
48's and coarser	do.									
Total apparel wool	do.	18.4	22.1	18.6	19.0	19.7	19.4	24.9	19.2	101
Carpet wool 4/	do.	6.1	6.8	6.6	7.1	7.5	7.2	8.8	7.2	101
Total apparel and carpet	do.	24.5	28.9	25.2	26.1	27.2	26.6	33.7	26.4	101
Accumulated since January 1										
Apparel wool 3/										
By grade										
60's and finer	do.	18.6	28.5	37.1	46.5	20.6	30.5	44.1	53.7	115
50's up to 60's	do.	18.2	30.4	40.5	50.1	21.7	31.3	42.6	52.2	104
48's and coarser	do.									
By system										
Woolen	do.	15.7	25.4	33.1	40.9	14.9	21.9	31.1	37.8	92
Worsted	do.	21.2	33.5	44.5	55.7	27.5	39.8	55.6	68.1	122
Total apparel wool	do.	36.9	58.9	77.6	96.6	42.4	61.7	86.7	105.9	110
Carpet wool 4/	do.	13.2	20.0	26.6	33.7	16.5	23.8	32.6	39.8	118
Total apparel and carpet	do.	50.1	78.9	104.2	130.3	58.9	85.5	119.3	145.7	112
Imports for consumption										
clean content										
Monthly aggregates										
	1,000									
Dutiable wool	pounds									
Finer than 56's	do.	5,870	8,188	7,955	5,846	9,444	9,078	9,000	8,858	152
46's to 56's	do.	1,618	2,437	1,860	1,480	3,290	3,382	2,678	2,677	181
44's to 46's	do.	160	124	52	68	151	195	84	36	53
40's to 44's	do.	175	208	189	248	327	214	200	375	151
Not finer than 40's	do.	978	725	486	513	1,209	928	736	911	178
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	do.	113	154	167	132	106	165	63	103	78
Total dutiable wool	do.	8,914	11,836	10,708	8,287	14,527	13,962	12,761	12,960	156
Duty-free wool										
44's-46's	do.	633	554	291	483	1,516	1,237	2,307	1,066	221
40's-44's	do.	1,245	1,702	848	2,102	3,166	2,678	3,201	2,222	106
Not finer than 40's	do.	1,528	2,637	1,553	1,977	3,177	2,892	3,811	3,754	190
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	do.	801	849	549	1,004	1,117	940	699	1,182	118
Total duty-free	do.	4,208	5,743	3,241	5,546	8,976	7,747	10,018	8,225	148
Total free and dutiable	do.	13,122	17,579	13,949	13,853	23,503	21,709	22,779	21,185	153
Accumulated since January 1	Million									
Dutiable wool	pounds									
Finer than 56's	do.	13.2	21.4	29.3	35.2	18.7	27.7	36.7	45.6	130
46's to 56's	do.	2.7	5.2	7.0	8.5	4.4	7.8	10.5	13.2	155
44's to 46's	do.	.3	.4	.4	.5	.3	.5	.6	.6	120
40's to 44's	do.	.4	.6	.8	1.0	.7	.9	1.1	1.5	150
Not finer than 40's	do.	1.6	2.3	2.8	3.3	1.9	2.8	3.6	4.5	136
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	do.	.3	.4	.6	.7	.2	.4	.5	.6	86
Total dutiable wool	do.	18.4	30.2	41.0	49.2	26.2	40.2	52.9	65.9	134
Duty-free wool										
44's-46's	do.	1.9	2.4	2.7	3.2	2.9	4.2	6.5	7.6	237
40's-44's	do.	3.5	5.2	6.0	8.1	6.5	9.1	12.3	14.6	180
Not finer than 40's	do.	4.1	6.7	8.3	10.2	9.5	12.4	16.2	20.0	196
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	do.	1.8	2.7	3.2	4.2	2.4	3.4	4.1	5.2	124
Total duty-free wool	do.	11.2	17.0	20.2	25.8	21.3	29.1	39.1	47.3	183
Total free and dutiable	do.	29.6	47.2	61.2	75.0	47.5	69.2	92.0	113.2	151

1/ On woolen and worsted systems; excludes wool consumed on the cotton and other spinning systems and in the manufacture of processed felt, hat bodies, and other miscellaneous products.
2/ Monthly periods are 4 or 5 calendar weeks generally totaling 13 weeks per quarter.
3/ Domestic and duty-paid foreign wool.
4/ Duty-free foreign wool.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 9.--Marketings of shorn wool by producers: Percent marketed by months, 1946 to date

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
1946	1.2	1.0	2.7	7.8	15.2	23.2	21.6	11.2	6.1	5.0	3.1	1.9	100.0
1947	1.4	1.1	2.4	6.9	12.4	17.6	19.9	13.3	9.6	8.1	4.8	2.5	100.0
1948	1.1	1.6	3.5	9.8	19.7	23.6	15.0	6.1	8.0	4.1	3.6	3.9	100.0
1949	3.2	2.5	3.8	8.3	15.8	21.2	11.5	7.3	7.8	5.4	5.3	7.9	100.0
1950	3.8	3.8	5.2	13.4	26.2	19.2	10.3	8.2	4.2	3.0	1.5	1.2	100.0
1951	1.3	1.7	5.3	14.3	29.0	26.4	10.5	4.4	2.4	1.5	.8	2.4	100.0
1952	1.1	1.4	3.2	9.0	17.8	18.9	14.9	4.8	4.5	8.5	7.1	8.8	100.0
1953	2.3	1.9	4.5	11.5	23.2	24.8	10.8	4.3	5.2	4.9	3.8	2.8	100.0
1954	2.5	1.9	2.9	13.5	25.4	27.4	10.9	3.6	4.0	3.0	2.6	2.3	100.0
1955	3.0	2.4	2.2	12.2	19.9	19.6	10.3	4.9	4.8	6.2	6.1	8.4	100.0
1956	5.4	5.2	10.5	10.4	21.0	15.2	8.2	4.4	5.4	6.3	4.2	3.8	100.0
1957	3.8	3.6	18.1	14.5	25.4	18.8	7.3	2.5	2.3	1.5	1.1	1.1	100.0
1958	1.8	2.4	2.2	12.4	19.0	18.9	9.6	6.7	4.7	7.4	7.8	7.1	100.0
1959	4.1	6.5	21.4	11.2	17.2	17.6	8.7	3.3	3.2	2.3	1.9	2.6	100.0
1960	3.2	3.0	16.5	11.2	18.4	16.3	6.2	5.7	5.1	4.6	5.4	4.4	100.0
1961	2.4	4.8	19.0	12.9	21.9	15.8	5.8	4.8	3.7	2.8	3.1	3.0	100.0
1962	2.1	3.8	18.9	15.8	24.2	15.0	5.2	3.7	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.0	100.0
1963	2.5	3.2	19.5	11.6	20.4	15.4	5.4	3.0	3.6	5.9	4.5	5.0	100.0
1964	1.1	3.3	10.6	20.4	20.1	17.1	7.3	5.3	4.0	4.3	3.1	3.4	100.0
1965	1.2	2.2	9.6	17.3	23.0	18.8	7.4	4.5	3.4	4.4	4.6	3.6	100.0
1966	1.2	2.6	11.6	21.3	25.1	18.0	5.1	3.3	2.4	2.8	2.8	3.8	100.0
1967	1.3	2.9	6.9	12.6	20.2	20.4	6.4	2.5	2.0	3.9	9.4	11.5	100.0

Statistical Reporting Service.

Table 10.--Number of sheep and lambs shorn, weight per fleece, shorn wool production, and price per pound received by farmers, United States, 1956 to date

Year	Sheep and lambs shorn 1/	Weight per fleece 2/	Shorn wool production	Price per pound 3/
	Thousands	Pounds	Thousand pounds	Cents
1956	28,469	8.51	242,177	44.3
1957	28,415	8.41	239,101	53.7
1958	29,403	8.29	243,713	36.4
1959	30,763	8.45	259,939	43.3
1960	31,081	8.54	265,277	42.0
1961 4/	30,454	8.51	259,161	42.9
1962	29,193	8.45	246,636	47.7
1963	27,264	8.53	232,446	48.5
1964	25,455	8.34	212,333	53.2
1965	23,756	8.48	201,463	47.1
1966	22,923	8.51	195,053	52.1
1967	21,982	8.56	188,155	39.8
1968	20,580	8.55	175,871	

1/ Includes sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards. 2/ For Texas and California the weight for fleece is the amount of wool shorn per sheep and lamb during the year. 3/ Year beginning April 1 for 1956 through 1962 marketing year, 9-month period beginning April 1 for 1963 marketing year, and calendar year thereafter. 4/ Beginning 1961 includes Alaska.

Compiled from reports of Crop Reporting Board, SRS.

Table 11.--Number of stock sheep, number of sheep shorn, and shorn wool production, Native or fleece wool States and Western sheep States, 1956 to date

Year	"Native" or "fleece" wool States			11 Western sheep States, Texas and South Dakota 1/		
	Stock sheep on January 1	Sheep shorn	Shorn wool production	Stock sheep on January 1	Sheep shorn	Shorn wool production
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousand pounds	Thousands	Thousands	Thousand pounds
1956	8,823	8,238	71,765	18,067	19,231	170,412
1957	9,026	9,751	74,218	17,322	18,664	164,883
1958	9,265	10,175	75,431	17,902	19,228	168,282
1959	9,229	10,122	76,782	18,879	20,641	183,157
1960	9,035	9,846	74,049	19,814	21,235	191,228
1961	8,720	9,356	70,831	19,585	21,086	188,202
1962	8,108	8,856	67,383	18,596	20,325	179,107
1963	7,148	7,779	59,713	17,958	19,471	172,566
1964	6,425	7,218	55,718	17,012	18,221	156,426
1965	6,045	6,540	51,754	15,778	17,198	149,500
1966	5,757	7,139	48,464	15,676	15,765	146,374
1967	5,440	5,718	46,293	15,197	16,243	141,616
1968	5,076	5,304	42,553	14,081	15,252	133,042

1/ Includes South Dakota, Texas, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Washington, Oregon and California.

Compiled from reports of Crop Reporting Board, SRS.

Table 12.--Stock sheep on January 1, number of sheep shorn, weight per fleece, and shorn wool production, United States, 1966 to date

State	Stock sheep on January 1			Sheep and lambs shorn 1/			Weight per fleece			Shorn wool production		
	1966	1967	1968	1966	1967	1968	1966	1967	1968	1966	1967	1968
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Maine	20	19	17	19	18	16	7.6	7.5	7.2	144	135	115
New Hampshire	5	5	5	5	5	5	7.1	7.1	7.1	35	34	34
Vermont	8	8	7	8	7	6	8.1	8.2	8.1	61	56	49
Massachusetts	10	10	10	10	10	9	7.4	7.3	7.4	70	69	67
Rhode Island	2	2	2	2	2	2	7.4	7.2	7.3	14	13	12
Connecticut	5	5	5	4	5	5	7.5	7.3	7.2	33	35	36
New York	99	95	93	92	90	86	8.1	8.1	7.6	744	725	652
New Jersey	10	9	8	10	9	8	7.7	7.4	7.7	73	64	62
Pennsylvania	185	176	172	170	162	158	7.5	7.5	7.5	1,275	1,215	1,185
North Atlantic	344	329	319	319	306	295	7.68	7.67	7.50	2,449	2,346	2,212
Ohio	649	642	636	715	692	684	8.7	8.8	8.6	6,239	6,106	5,899
Indiana	291	274	263	281	275	256	7.9	8.0	8.0	2,208	2,189	2,057
Illinois	359	348	320	431	363	335	7.8	7.9	7.7	3,366	2,854	2,592
Michigan	235	202	192	265	240	221	8.5	8.6	8.3	2,249	2,073	1,833
Wisconsin	157	157	155	151	150	143	7.9	8.2	8.2	1,188	1,233	1,175
East North Central	1,691	1,623	1,566	1,843	1,720	1,639	8.27	8.40	8.27	15,250	14,455	13,556
Minnesota	540	513	441	611	580	477	7.7	8.0	8.1	4,684	4,657	3,869
Iowa	810	745	685	935	823	758	7.8	8.2	8.1	7,316	6,739	6,157
Missouri	343	312	296	352	328	306	7.9	8.1	7.9	2,791	2,672	2,428
North Dakota	402	383	329	382	354	323	9.4	9.8	9.8	3,577	3,483	3,180
South Dakota	1,202	1,178	1,096	1,258	1,216	1,150	9.0	9.4	9.7	11,342	11,401	11,115
Nebraska	283	269	253	408	392	373	7.8	7.9	7.9	3,182	3,100	2,937
Kansas	401	385	385	434	421	404	8.5	8.6	8.5	3,708	3,612	3,415
West North Central	3,981	3,785	3,485	4,380	4,114	3,791	8.36	8.67	8.73	36,600	35,664	33,101
Delaware	3	3	2	2	2	2	7.5	7.1	7.4	18	17	14
Maryland	20	19	19	18	17	17	7.0	7.1	7.1	126	121	121
Virginia	223	216	205	210	196	189	6.0	6.2	6.1	1,262	1,218	1,153
West Virginia	191	178	173	170	164	158	5.7	5.9	5.9	975	968	932
North Carolina	25	22	22	22	19	18	6.2	7.0	6.5	136	133	117
South Carolina	4	3	2	4	2	2	6.7	7.1	6.7	24	17	12
Georgia	7	7	6	6	6	5	6.2	6.3	6.1	38	35	31
Florida	7	6	6	6	5	6	5.2	6.5	5.1	29	33	28
South Atlantic	480	454	436	438	411	396	5.95	6.18	6.08	2,608	2,542	2,408
Kentucky	168	159	135	146	135	117	7.3	7.2	7.4	1,066	972	866
Tennessee	84	75	57	73	60	48	5.8	5.8	6.2	423	348	298
Alabama	10	9	8	9	7	6	6.0	6.0	6.0	52	42	37
Mississippi	25	23	21	20	19	17	5.1	5.1	5.0	102	97	85
Arkansas	12	11	10	10	9	8	6.7	7.1	7.3	67	62	55
Louisiana	41	32	30	34	28	25	4.6	4.7	4.6	156	132	115
Oklahoma	123	119	107	126	125	112	8.2	8.3	8.3	1,033	1,034	935
Texas	4,676	4,582	3,986	5,031	4,993	4,574	7.7	7.4	7.7	38,777	36,998	35,200
South Central	5,139	5,010	4,353	5,449	5,376	4,907	7.65	7.38	7.66	41,676	39,685	37,591
Montana	1,277	1,226	1,165	1,213	1,134	1,092	9.7	9.9	9.9	11,792	11,277	10,840
Idaho	761	719	719	751	696	703	10.4	10.6	10.6	7,813	7,346	7,446
Wyoming	1,909	1,822	1,749	1,878	1,768	1,707	10.4	10.7	10.3	19,526	18,867	17,542
Colorado	1,060	1,004	904	1,359	1,271	1,121	8.8	8.9	8.4	12,018	11,335	9,389
New Mexico	920	887	823	924	884	821	9.5	9.6	9.2	8,754	8,462	7,580
Arizona	471	428	414	506	472	441	7.2	7.0	6.9	3,627	3,317	3,037
Utah	1,038	1,040	1,019	991	1,009	988	10.0	10.1	9.9	9,895	10,227	9,748
Nevada	244	232	220	226	212	205	9.9	9.8	10.0	2,241	2,082	2,050
Washington	157	143	134	171	159	143	9.2	9.4	9.0	1,567	1,492	1,293
Oregon	582	524	482	613	571	537	8.0	8.3	8.1	4,905	4,735	4,334
California	1,379	1,412	1,370	1,844	1,858	1,770	7.7	7.6	7.6	14,117	14,077	13,468
Western	9,798	9,437	8,999	10,476	10,034	9,528	9.19	9.29	9.10	96,255	93,217	86,727
48 States	21,433	20,637	19,157	22,904	21,961	20,556	8.51	8.56	8.54	194,838	187,909	175,595
Alaska	23	24	27	19	21	24	11.3	11.7	11.5	215	246	276
Hawaii	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
United States	21,456	20,661	19,184	22,923	21,982	20,580	8.51	8.56	8.55	195,053	188,155	175,871

1/ Includes sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards.
Compiled from reports of Crop Reporting Board, SRS.

Table 13.--Average weekly rate of consumption of apparel and carpet wool on woolen and worsted systems, scoured basis, United States, by months, unadjusted and adjusted for seasonal variation, 1964 to date

Month	1964		1965		1966		1967		1968	
	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
	Apparel wool									
January	4,563	4,536	4,855	4,755	5,838	5,662	4,630	4,465	4,535	4,360
February	4,726	4,536	4,870	4,665	5,822	5,587	4,587	4,415	4,925	4,749
March	4,443	4,284	4,947	4,789	5,865	5,711	4,417	4,313	4,848	4,739
April	4,281	4,144	5,623	5,407	5,844	5,576	4,661	4,426	4,978	4,714
May	4,836	4,437	5,523	5,086	5,745	5,285	4,751	4,367	4,810	4,421
June	4,976	4,574	5,461	5,029	5,614	5,189	4,652	4,315		
July	4,026	4,454	4,883	5,378	4,726	5,181	3,847	4,209		
August	4,628	4,370	5,798	5,475	5,519	5,207	4,533	4,272		
Septmeber	4,549	4,637	5,424	5,540	4,519	4,649	4,158	4,295		
October	4,332	4,480	5,661	5,860	4,419	4,579	4,181	4,333		
November	3,977	4,394	5,267	5,839	4,018	4,459	4,383	4,859		
December	3,874	4,432	5,123	5,882	3,777	4,341	4,048	4,653		
	Carpet wool									
January	2,753	2,652	2,316	2,229	2,243	2,146	1,779	1,701	1,797	1,716
February	2,679	2,616	2,220	2,181	2,287	2,262	1,518	1,504	1,887	1,874
March	2,367	2,353	2,207	2,189	2,260	2,244	1,362	1,354	1,812	1,803
April	2,230	2,297	2,172	2,230	2,117	2,166	1,646	1,683	1,766	1,804
May	1,872	1,878	2,187	2,191	2,120	2,126	1,779	1,784	1,798	1,803
June	2,159	2,277	2,160	2,276	1,910	2,013	1,381	1,454		
July	1,576	2,162	1,635	2,249	1,448	1,984	1,144	1,565		
August	2,551	2,323	2,164	1,978	2,083	1,911	1,740	1,596		
September	2,474	2,325	2,190	2,076	1,894	1,816	1,695	1,638		
October	2,577	2,309	2,342	2,087	2,145	1,905	1,834	1,623		
November	2,453	2,303	2,321	2,153	1,936	1,784	1,699	1,562		
December	2,166	2,290	2,025	2,154	1,552	1,649	1,822	1,942		

Table 14.--Fibers consumed and percentage distribution of wool and other fibers used in woolen spinning and worsted combing, United States, January-May 1964-68

Fiber and year	Production of top		Worsted system 1/		Woolen system: For yarns, except carpet and rug		Woolen system: For carpet and rug yarns		Total fibers consumed	
	1,000 lb.	Pct.	1,000 lb.	Pct.	1,000 lb.	Pct.	1,000 lb.	Pct.	1,000 lb.	Pct.
Shorn and pulled wool of the sheep										
1964	52,488	82.9	57,755	82.8	42,492	31.2	52,590	52.5	152,837	49.9
1965	60,084	86.7	65,718	86.5	42,499	31.4	46,613	45.4	154,830	49.3
1966	70,887	90.5	77,689	90.5	44,626	31.0	46,363	43.2	168,678	50.0
1967	51,365	90.8	55,720	90.5	40,878	32.1	33,696	40.5	130,294	48.0
1968 8/	62,752	90.9	68,107	90.8	37,778	28.9	39,801	35.1	145,686	45.7
Reused, reprocessed and other wool 2/										
1964	3/	---	3/	---	57,318	42.1	4/ 6,047	6.0	71,217	23.3
1965	3/	---	3/	---	56,074	41.4	4/ 6,919	6.7	68,920	21.9
1966	3/	---	3/	---	57,566	40.0	---	---	69,160	20.5
1967	3/	---	3/	---	45,375	35.7	---	---	51,744	19.0
1968 8/	3/	---	3/	---	44,943	34.4	---	---	51,874	16.3
Man-made fibers 5/										
1964	2,378	3.8	2,490	3.6	33,556	24.6	41.196	41.1	77,242	25.2
1965	2,492	3.6	2,588	3.4	33,932	25.1	48,929	47.6	85,449	27.2
1966	1,762	2.3	1,799	2.1	38,711	26.9	54,203	50.5	94,693	28.1
1967	1,025	1.8	7/ 1,293	2.1	38,397	30.2	46,030	55.3	85,487	31.4
1968 8/	1,052	1.5	---	---	45,623	34.9	70,529	62.2	117,210	36.7
Other fibers 6/										
1964	3/	---	3/	---	2,823	2.1	3/	---	4,899	1.6
1965	3/	---	3/	---	2,886	2.1	3/	---	4,890	1.6
1966	3/	---	3/	---	3,107	2.1	3/	---	4,765	1.4
1967	3/	---	3/	---	2,517	2.0	3/	---	4,425	1.6
1968 8/	3/	---	3/	---	2,325	1.8	3/	---	4,304	1.3
Total fibers consumed										
1964	63,304	100.0	69,786	100.0	136,189	100.0	100,220	100.0	306,195	100.0
1965	69,294	100.0	75,966	100.0	135,391	100.0	102,732	100.0	314,089	100.0
1966	78,302	100.0	85,847	100.0	144,010	100.0	107,428	100.0	337.296	100.0
1967	56,592	100.0	61,595	100.0	127,167	100.0	83,188	100.0	271,950	100.0
1968 8/	68,997	100.0	75,015	100.0	130,669	100.0	113,390	100.0	319,074	100.0

1/ Consumption on the worsted system is taken as the sum of top and noil combed. 2/ Includes mohair, alpaca, vicuna, and other specialty fibers as well as tops and noils consumed in woolen spinning and mohair consumed in worsted combing. 3/ Not reported to avoid disclosure of individual company information. 4/ Does not include other wool. 5/ Does not include man-made fiber converted from tow without combing. 6/ Includes cotton, jute, and other vegetable fibers and animal fibers, other than raw wool and mohair, consumed in worsted combing. 7/ Man-made fiber in noil production includes other fibers. 8/ Preliminary.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 15.--Finished wool apparel fabrics: Inventories and unfilled orders at the weaving mill level, by months, January 1966 to date

Year and month	Woolens		Worsteds		Wool blends (chiefly polyester)		Total	
	Inventories	Unfilled orders	Inventories	Unfilled orders	Inventories	Unfilled orders	Inventories	Unfilled orders
	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.
1966								
Jan.	13.3	53.9	5.0	39.2	2.8	30.9	21.1	124.0
Feb.	14.2	56.2	6.4	36.8	2.9	31.0	23.5	124.0
Mar.	17.8	59.2	6.4	32.9	3.3	32.8	27.5	124.9
Apr.	17.9	54.7	6.1	25.1	3.6	29.5	27.7	109.4
May	16.4	53.2	5.7	26.2	3.9	32.1	25.9	111.4
June	13.6	46.7	5.2	23.4	4.4	32.4	23.1	102.5
July	12.3	39.3	4.8	23.0	4.8	30.3	21.8	92.7
Aug.	11.7	34.1	4.2	24.1	4.8	27.5	20.7	85.7
Sept.	11.4	26.2	3.9	25.4	5.2	24.7	20.4	76.3
Oct.	9.0	22.5	3.4	24.7	5.1	20.0	17.5	67.2
Nov.	10.3	24.7	4.5	26.4	4.4	14.7	19.2	65.8
Dec.	12.0	26.3	5.2	26.9	4.1	14.4	21.3	67.6
1967								
Jan.	15.1	30.7	5.7	27.9	4.5	9.8	25.3	68.4
Feb.	16.0	33.4	5.8	28.8	3.1	9.2	24.8	71.3
Mar.	17.9	33.7	5.5	29.6	2.7	6.5	26.1	69.8
Apr.	18.6	32.1	5.3	23.2	2.7	17.8	26.6	73.1
May	19.5	34.1	5.4	23.2	2.9	20.6	27.8	77.9
June	16.0	32.0	5.2	21.4	3.3	20.7	24.5	74.1
July	13.8	30.8	4.4	24.1	4.0	20.4	22.2	75.3
Aug.	12.6	27.9	4.1	24.3	4.4	20.1	21.1	72.2
Sept.	11.4	25.9	3.9	25.7	4.7	20.1	20.0	71.7
Oct.	11.3	26.3	3.8	29.9	4.3	15.8	19.4	72.0
Nov.	11.9	30.7	4.1	32.6	4.5	17.6	20.5	80.0
Dec.	13.3	36.4	3.9	35.1	4.0	13.7	21.2	85.2
1968								
Jan.	16.4	39.6	4.7	36.8	3.4	19.7	24.6	96.1
Feb.	17.1	35.6	5.0	35.5	3.0	22.5	25.0	93.5
Mar.	18.1	35.3	5.0	34.5	2.7	23.9	25.9	93.7
Apr.	18.8	35.5	5.2	32.3	3.1	29.1	27.0	97.0
May	17.2	33.4	5.3	35.1	3.5	30.6	26.0	99.1
June								
July								
Aug.								
Sept.								
Oct.								
Nov.								
Dec.								

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table. 16--Production of woolen and worsted woven goods, by type of fabric, United States, annual 1965-67, by quarters, January-March 1967 to date 1/

Fabric	1965	1966	1967	1967 Jan.-Mar.	1967 Apr.-June	1967 July-Sept.	1967 Oct.-Dec.	1968 Jan.-Mar.
	1,000 linear yards	1,000 linear yards	1,000 linear yards	1,000 linear yards	1,000 linear yards	1,000 linear yards	1,000 linear yards	1,000 linear yards
Woolen and worsted woven fabrics (except felt)	267,343	264,877	237,723	61,762	65,908	52,704	57,349	61,427
Apparel fabrics	257,933	250,351	224,956	57,570	62,795	50,154	54,437	59,128
Government orders	5,354	11,198	9,866	2,739	3,007	1,525	2,595	2,559
Other than Government orders	252,579	239,153	215,090	54,831	59,788	48,629	51,842	56,569
Men's and boys' clothing	95,153	86,720	69,504	20,708	20,314	12,946	15,536	23,858
Less than 9 oz.	9,121	12,806	9,632	2,098	2,021	2,802	2,711	2,381
Worsted	8,214	11,750	9,057	1,910	1,917	2,664	2,566	2,202
Woolen	907	1,056	575	188	104	138	145	179
9 oz. up to 13 oz.	68,244	59,282	48,317	15,690	14,297	7,936	10,394	18,079
Worsted	42,518	37,434	30,139	10,379	8,992	4,728	6,040	12,482
Woolen	25,726	22,208	18,178	5,311	5,305	3,208	4,354	5,597
13 oz. up to 16 oz.	6,260	4,740	4,889	1,077	1,599	1,019	1,194	1,596
Worsted	3,384	2,459	3,222	620	1,161	636	805	739
Woolen	2,876	2,281	1,667	457	438	383	389	857
16 oz. up to 20 oz.	5,016	4,668	3,675	1,063	1,332	536	744	1,238
Worsted	1,707	1,134	961	205	334	172	250	281
Woolen	3,309	3,534	2,714	858	998	364	494	957
20 oz. up to 26 oz.	5,919	4,520	2,742	695	1,022	603	422	535
26 oz. and over	593	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Women's and children's clothing	157,426	152,430	145,586	34,123	39,474	35,683	36,306	32,711
Less than 9 oz.	10,924	11,239	11,846	2,844	3,418	2,804	2,780	3,415
Worsted	3,073	3,424	2,955	476	980	1,073	426	363
Woolen	7,851	7,815	8,891	2,368	2,438	1,731	2,354	3,052
9 oz. up to 13 oz.	88,833	83,003	74,674	16,995	20,680	18,385	18,614	16,015
Worsted	4,111	3,985	2,953	867	867	640	579	398
Woolen	84,722	79,018	71,721	16,128	19,813	17,745	18,035	15,617
13 oz. up to 16 oz.	14,053	14,119	19,408	4,581	5,179	4,383	5,265	3,593
Worsted	786	1,396	2,088	514	568	680	326	170
Woolen	13,267	12,723	17,320	4,067	4,611	3,703	4,939	3,423
16 oz. up to 20 oz.	21,435	20,100	17,723	4,420	4,450	3,919	4,934	4,207
Worsted	1,606	1,855	1,230	259	309	324	338	338
Woolen	19,829	18,245	16,502	4,161	4,141	3,595	4,605	3,869
20 oz. and over	22,181	23,969	21,926	5,283	5,747	6,192	4,704	5,481
Nonapparel fabric	9,410	14,526	12,767	4,192	3,113	2,550	2,912	2,299
Blanketing	6,820	10,362	8,501	3,041	2,322	1,670	1,468	1,001
Other	2,590	4,164	4,266	1,151	791	880	1,444	1,298
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Woven felts	7,821	8,742	9,869	2,483	2,576	2,337	2,473	2,394
Papermakers	6,031	6,504	7,721	1,904	2,001	1,812	2,004	1,900
All others	1,790	2,238	2,148	579	575	525	469	494

1/ Fabrics wholly or chiefly by weight of wool, reused wool reprocessed wool or other animal fibers. Blanketing in 72 inch width or equivalent, other fabrics in 54 to 60 inch width or equivalent 54 inch width. 2/ Less than 100 thousand.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 17.--Fabric deliveries to U.S. military forces, in equivalent square yards of fabric, by months, January 1967 to date

Fiber and fabric	1967													1968								
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.
Wool																						
Blanketing	1,209	1,328	2,130	1,250	1,055	999	631	1,036	670	591	248	98	11,245	112	98	142	142					
Flannel	0	0	84	74	183	65	11	3	0	0	54	133	607	156	132	54	80					
Frieze	0	0	0	0	0	0	141	203	164	274	255	187	1,224	198	32	12	0					
Gabardine	88	919	992	331	546	571	381	357	281	196	0	0	4,662	0	55	53	56					
Kersey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Melton	443	295	170	148	81	24	0	0	0	178	153	122	1,614	167	103	148	13					
Pile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Serge	759	696	525	274	909	938	546	445	338	506	952	672	7,560	892	619	658	264					
Tropical	0	0	0	15	164	128	250	249	67	37	308	87	1,305	194	165	75	62					
Other	0	0	16	10	11	11	9	8	0	13	16	20	114	13	0	0	2					
Total	2,499	3,238	3,917	2,102	2,949	2,736	1,969	2,301	1,520	1,795	1,986	1,319	28,331	1,732	1,204	1,142	619					
Mixed Fiber																						
Cotton and wool	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Cotton and cellulosic	630	33	81	32	280	28	105	61	738	907	623	417	3,935	1,530	1,867	1,134	458					
Cotton and non-cellulosic	5,392	5,071	4,097	2,342	2,988	3,055	2,030	2,867	809	2,305	2,069	2,404	35,429	3,424	4,763	4,120	3,291					
Cotton and glass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Cotton and other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Wool and cellulosic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Wool and non-cellulosic	1,450	647	1,363	665	1,141	1,105	485	833	866	1,506	1,876	1,826	13,763	1,576	1,124	546	161					
Wool and other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Cotton, wool and cellulosic	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0					
Cotton, wool and non-cellulosic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Cellulosic and non-cellulosic	0	0	297	170	163	291	81	0	62	249	0	51	1,364	43	34	0	19					
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Total	7,472	5,751	5,838	3,209	4,573	4,479	2,701	3,761	2,475	4,967	4,568	4,698	54,492	6,573	7,788	5,800	3,929					
Cotton																						
Total	24,570	24,808	32,189	19,315	23,799	23,208	17,151	23,371	19,236	18,423	19,011	13,244	258,325	17,811	15,781	13,875	10,212					
Man-made																						
Cellulosic																						
Total	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0					
Non-cellulosic																						
Total	6,485	6,975	5,959	2,645	1,986	3,446	621	1,529	885	1,377	1,124	666	33,697	711	443	841	686					
Glass	5	10	10	0	0	3	8	2	63	13	11	0	125	1	4	2	9					
Total man-made	6,490	6,985	5,970	2,645	1,986	3,449	629	1,531	948	1,390	1,135	667	33,824	712	447	845	695					
Total all fibers	41,031	40,782	47,914	27,271	33,307	33,872	22,450	30,964	24,179	26,575	26,700	19,928	374,972	26,828	25,220	21,662	15,455					

Based on data from the Department of Defense.

Table 18--Textile fabrics: Deliveries to U.S. military forces, raw fiber content, annual 1962-67, by months, January 1966 to date

Year and month	Wool					Cotton					Man-made										Total all fibers
		Wool and man-made fiber mixtures					Cotton and man-made fiber mixtures				Cellulosic			Non-cellulosic			Total				
	100 percent wool fabric	50 percent or more wool	Less than 50 percent wool	Wool and other fiber mixtures	Total	100 percent cotton fabric	50 percent or more cotton	Less than 50 percent cotton	Cotton and other fiber mixtures	Total	Filament yarn	Staple fiber	Total	Filament yarn	Staple fiber	Total	Filament yarn	Staple fiber	Total	Glass	
	1,000 Pounds																				
1962	13,661	0	4	2	13,667	50,387	253	768	---	51,408	710	3	713	776	848	1,624	1,486	851	2,337	53	67,465
1963 1/	7,858	0	10	58	7,926	30,777	103	283	17	31,180	126	85	211	770	603	1,373	896	688	1,584	2	40,692
1964 1/	5,246	0	95	2/	5,341	20,363	129	1,118	0	21,610	191	20	211	544	1,380	1,934	745	1,400	2,145	14	29,110
1965 1/	3,863	0	400	346	4,509	26,522	865	124	115	27,626	253	41	294	1,469	1,484	2,953	1,722	1,525	3,247	16	35,498
1966	15,325	80	1,268	0	16,674	103,549	4,960	1,072	0	109,579	20	570	591	11,097	4,695	15,792	11,118	5,266	16,383	20	142,656
1967	21,318	80	2,183	0	23,581	148,335	9,806	1,645	0	159,786	436	300	736	9,921	8,984	18,905	10,357	9,281	19,638	63	203,068
1966																					
Jan.	661	0	17	0	678	2,238	39	4	0	2,281	2/	0	2/	236	76	312	236	76	312	0	3,271
Feb.	912	0	42	0	954	3,542	10	0	0	3,552	2/	0	2/	294	62	356	294	62	356	9	4,871
Mar.	816	0	72	0	888	4,408	66	0	0	4,474	1	0	1	664	120	784	665	120	785	0	6,147
Apr.	795	0	48	0	843	7,079	72	0	0	7,151	1	0	1	329	102	431	330	102	432	2	8,428
May	195	0	56	0	251	1,198	16	0	0	1,214	2/	0	2/	23	75	98	24	75	99	0	1,564
June	470	0	36	0	506	3,985	101	3	0	4,089	1	0	1	402	104	506	403	104	507	0	5,102
July	888	18	198	0	1,104	10,997	277	24	0	11,297	1	0	1	1,999	532	2,531	2,000	532	2,531	1	14,933
Aug.	1,827	3	16	0	1,846	12,463	506	145	0	13,114	1	59	60	1,436	463	1,899	1,437	523	1,960	0	16,920
Sept.	2,095	0	29	0	2,124	12,579	676	175	0	13,430	3	112	115	1,359	290	1,649	1,362	402	1,764	1	17,319
Oct.	1,711	53	182	0	1,947	14,036	2,084	265	0	16,385	6	170	177	1,644	1,158	2,802	1,650	1,328	2,978	2	21,312
Nov.	3,245	0	350	0	3,595	17,750	680	368	0	18,798	4	199	203	1,619	1,140	2,659	1,623	1,239	2,862	2	25,257
Dec.	1,710	6	222	0	1,938	13,274	433	88	0	13,794	2	30	32	1,092	673	1,765	1,094	703	1,797	3	17,532
1967																					
Jan.	1,969	27	224	0	2,219	14,295	843	468	0	15,605	4	133	137	1,601	1,223	2,824	1,605	1,356	2,961	1	20,786
Feb.	2,448	0	105	0	2,552	13,824	682	280	0	14,786	3	3	6	1,870	754	2,624	1,873	756	2,629	1	19,968
Mar.	3,081	53	199	0	3,333	18,214	1,075	113	0	19,401	9	33	42	1,655	1,052	2,707	1,664	1,085	2,749	6	25,489
Apr.	1,657	0	107	0	1,764	10,878	781	20	0	11,679	3	19	22	910	658	1,567	912	676	1,589	0	15,032
May.	2,079	0	184	0	2,263	14,296	1,019	115	0	15,430	36	32	68	798	735	1,533	834	767	1,601	0	19,294
June	1,963	0	179	0	2,142	13,371	669	95	0	14,134	2	19	22	891	636	1,527	893	655	1,548	2	17,826
July	1,428	0	84	0	1,512	9,946	777	34	0	10,757	9	9	18	305	443	748	314	452	766	1	13,036
Aug.	1,772	0	133	0	1,905	13,691	745	146	0	14,581	6	0	6	625	722	1,347	632	722	1,354	0	17,840
Sept.	1,195	0	136	0	1,330	10,855	586	55	0	11,496	102	7	109	271	367	638	373	373	747	31	13,604
Oct.	1,423	0	243	0	1,666	10,602	840	195	0	11,636	126	27	153	430	774	1,204	556	802	1,347	2	14,661
Nov.	1,384	0	298	0	1,682	10,680	948	70	0	11,699	86	0	86	321	784	1,105	407	784	1,191	19	14,591
Dec.	919	0	291	0	1,210	7,683	841	54	0	8,578	50	18	67	244	836	1,080	294	853	1,147	0	10,935
1968																					
Jan.	1,170	0	252	0	1,422	10,072	1,405	110	0	11,587	217	5	222	279	858	1,137	497	862	1,359	0	14,368
Feb.	764	0	180	0	944	9,006	1,736	173	0	10,915	264	6	270	165	1,208	1,373	429	1,214	1,643	1	13,503
Mar.	739	0	86	0	825	7,954	1,197	249	0	9,400	162	0	162	170	1,060	1,230	332	1,060	1,392	1	11,618
Apr.	417	0	25	0	442	6,023	889	116	0	7,028	91	-34	57	202	669	871	293	635	928	2	8,400
May																					
June																					
July																					
Aug.																					
Sept.																					

1/ Total of available data: 1963, 8 months; 1964, 10 months; 1965, 7 months, all other, 12 months.
2/ Less than 500 pounds.
Based on data from the Department of Defense.

Table 19.--Raw wool content of United States imports for consumption of wool manufactures, annual 1962-67, and by months, January - May 1968 1/

Year and month	Tops and advanced wool	Yarns	Woven fabrics 2/	Wool blankets 3/	Wearing apparel: Knit	Wearing apparel: Other than knit 4/	Other manufactures 5/	Sub-total	Noils	Waste 6/	Carpets and rugs	Total
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
1962	5,717	9,162	22,108	337	12,629	10,161	5,297	65,411	36,569	14,111	29,546	145,637
1963	6,457	9,992	22,266	420	17,966	10,073	5,364	72,538	41,729	16,263	22,019	152,549
1964	3,079	8,217	19,804	535	20,282	8,139	1,201	61,257	38,075	14,420	27,395	141,147
1965	8,088	11,257	25,702	744	27,617	7,826	1,752	82,986	34,291	17,402	21,437	156,116
1966	10,362	12,969	24,836	746	25,789	7,232	1,669	83,603	27,647	16,229	15,383	142,862
1967 8/	5,797	9,744	24,320	755	24,371	6,400	2,438	73,825	28,913	10,894	8,177	121,809
1968 8/												
Jan.	412	992	2,537	49	1,335	262	162	5,749	2,427	1,044	842	10.062
Feb.	583	943	2,214	67	1,167	237	77	5,288	2,871	1,553	678	10,390
Mar.	489	1,030	2,990	42	1,198	249	327	6,325	2,217	919	690	10.151
Apr.	682	1,085	3,338	48	1,772	260	337	7,522	2,189	1,219	854	11,784
May	481	1,164	3,317	53	2,860	367	244	8,486	2,310	1,415	944	13,155
Jan.-May												
1962	3,173	3,597	8,257	86	2,307	1,068	3,264	21,752	15,351	6,767	14,383	58,253
1963	4,097	4,047	9,801	82	3,822	1,100	4,027	26,976	17,018	7,526	9,344	60,864
1964	1,353	3,129	8,698	174	4,336	1,075	426	19,191	17,342	6,495	11,462	54,490
1965	2,604	3,785	10,876	185	6,135	1,158	678	25,421	14,645	6,212	9,758	56,036
1966	4,916	6,167	12,632	274	6,564	1,190	761	32,504	13,418	8,519	7,167	61,608
1967 8/	3,254	4,060	11,157	228	5,777	1,115	461	26,052	13,480	5,192	4,046	48,770
1968 8/	2,647	5,214	14,396	259	8,332	1,375	1,147	33,370	12,014	6,150	4,008	55,542

See footnotes end of table 20.

Table 20.--Raw wool content of United States exports of domestic wool manufactures, annual 1962-67, and by months, January - May 1968 1/

Year and month	Tops and advanced wool	Yarns	Fabrics woven and knit	Wool blankets	Wearing apparel: Knit	Wearing apparel: Other than knit	Other manufactures 7/	Felts	Sub-total	Noils and wastes 6/	Carpets and rugs	Total
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
1962	291	221	654	173	126	273	442	170	2,350	1,444	575	4,369
1963	873	229	701	89	145	266	580	198	3,081	2,038	470	5,589
1964	370	228	748	239	201	390	893	276	3,345	3,281	372	6,998
1965	433	185	804	213	349	512	2,132	1,534	6,162	8,876	614	15,652
1966	458	273	586	183	348	600	1,978	1,279	5,705	6,400	588	12.693
1967	527	331	550	211	535	503	1,672	1,792	6,121	4,065	509	10,695
1968 8/												
Jan.	21	20	45	8	39	35	56	30	254	76	77	407
Feb.	35	30	44	11	53	34	93	238	538	218	34	790
Mar.	51	42	25	5	44	31	65	171	434	414	41	889
Apr.	14	44	42	16	36	34	89	80	355	69	94	518
May	12	38	50	39	33	17	89	186	464	371	78	913
Jan.-May												
1962	116	94	275	19	27	78	156	81	846	666	314	1,826
1963	213	87	266	25	37	92	179	100	999	805	171	1.975
1964	186	105	261	40	56	134	217	96	1,095	1,213	164	2,472
1965	166	55	329	45	92	156	692	582	2,117	6,088	224	8,429
1966	155	110	279	53	117	259	745	647	2,365	3,329	209	5,903
1967	257	114	225	55	204	189	716	592	2,352	2,160	227	4,739
1968 8/	133	174	206	79	205	151	392	705	2,045	1,148	324	3,517

1/ Includes manufactures of mohair, alpaca, and other wool-like specialty hair. 2/ Includes pile fabrics and manufactures, tapestry and upholstery goods, press and billiard cloths. 3/ Includes carriage and automobile robes, steamer rugs, etc. 4/ Includes laces, lace articles, veils and veilings, nets and nettings, when reported in pounds. 5/ Includes knit fabrics in the piece and miscellaneous manufactures not elsewhere specified. 6/ Not including rags. Beginning January 1965, export data includes substantial quantities of non-wool animal hair. 7/ Census Bureau's Schedule B classification designated manufactures, n.e.c. 8/ Preliminary.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 21.--Price per pound of British Dominion wool, (Bradford grade), by months, January 1965 to date

Year and month	Combing							
	70's	64's	60's	58's	56's	50's	48's	46's
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
1965								
January	114.0	104.7	100.0	93.0	90.7	80.3	75.6	74.4
February	115.3	106.0	100.2	92.0	88.5	80.[illegible]	75.7	74.5
March	111.7	102.4	95.4	88.4	86.1	76.8	73.3	71.0
April	113.0	103.7	96.7	89.7	87.4	81.6	78.1	75.7
May	113.0	103.7	96.7	90.9	85.1	81.6	78.1	75.8
June	110.5	102.4	96.6	93.1	83.8	79.1	75.6	73.8
July	114.0	107.0	102.3	98.8	87.2	84.9	81.4	79.1
August	112.8	107.0	102.3	98.8	91.9	87.2	82.6	80.2
September	114.2	108.4	103.7	100.2	93.2	83.9	81.6	79.2
October	121.5	113.3	108.6	103.9	94.6	86.4	82.9	81.8
November	123.8	115.7	111.0	107.5	97.0	86.4	82.9	81.8
December	122.6	113.3	108.6	105.1	96.9	82.9	79.4	77.1
1966								
January	125.0	114.5	109.8	106.3	95.8	82.9	77.1	74.8
February	127.3	116.8	110.9	103.9	94.6	82.9	77.1	73.6
March	130.4	121.1	115.3	108.3	97.8	86.2	78.0	74.5
April	123.7	123.4	117.6	110.6	101.3	87.3	76.8	73.3
May	131.5	123.3	117.5	109.4	102.4	87.3	76.8	72.1
June	130.2	123.2	117.4	110.4	102.3	87.2	76.7	72.1
July	130.1	123.2	117.4	110.4	102.3	87.2	76.7	72.0
August	127.8	120.8	116.2	109.2	102.3	83.7	74.4	70.9
September	124.4	117.4	112.7	106.9	98.8	80.2	73.2	69.7
October	121.0	112.8	107.0	101.2	95.4	79.1	73.3	69.8
November	118.6	110.5	105.8	98.9	96.5	77.9	72.1	69.8
December	117.4	109.3	104.6	97.7	95.3	75.6	70.9	68.6
1967								
January	117.5	108.2	102.3	95.4	89.5	74.4	69.8	67.4
February	119.9	111.8	104.8	97.8	92.0	75.7	69.8	67.5
March	117.7	109.5	102.5	95.5	93.2	75.7	69.9	67.6
April	120.1	110.8	102.6	95.6	93.3	75.8	70.0	67.6
May	122.4	115.4	106.0	97.9	93.2	74.6	69.9	67.6
June	121.0	114.0	104.7	97.7	93.0	74.4	69.8	67.5
July	117.3	109.2	101.0	95.2	83.6	67.4	60.4	58.1
August	109.1	101.0	92.8	85.9	83.6	68.5	62.7	59.2
September	111.3	103.2	93.9	85.8	82.4	67.3	60.3	58.0
October	113.6	103.2	93.9	84.7	73.1	58.0	54.5	52.2
November	115.3	104.3	93.2	83.2	65.4	48.8	47.7	46.6
December	113.3	103.3	91.2	81.2	73.2	52.1	48.1	46.1
1968								
January	116.4	105.4	95.4	85.3	76.3	48.2	44.2	41.2
February	125.5	108.4	98.4	89.3	80.3	49.2	45.2	41.2
March	125.0	107.0	97.0	88.0	85.0	54.0	49.0	45.0
April	125.1	106.1	97.1	88.1	82.1	53.0	47.0	43.0
May	124.4	105.5	96.6	86.6	73.7	53.8	45.8	41.8
June	124.2	105.3	96.4	86.4	75.5	55.6	49.7	46.7

Compiled from reports of New Zealand Wool Commission.

Table 22.--Wool: Estimated mill consumption in selected countries, clean content, annual 1964-67, and January-March 1967 and 1968

Country	Year				1967	1968	Percentage change	
	1964	1965	1966	1967	Jan.-Mar.	Jan.-Mar.	Jan.-Mar. 1968 to Jan.-Mar. 1967	1967 compared with 1966
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Percent	Percent
United States 1/	356.7	387.0	370.2	312.5	79.0	85.6	+ 8.4	-15.6
United Kingdom	418.3	402.6	388.2	359.9	94.5	102.9	+ 8.9	- 7.3
France	265.5	254.6	281.0	234.6	68.0	68.3	+ .4	-16.5
Japan	333.7	350.4	395.1	380.6	96.8	96.1	- .7	- 3.7
Italy	185.1	189.4	242.0	218.3	57.5	54.6	- 5.1	- 9.8
West Germany	142.2	146.2	150.5	122.5	30.4	36.7	+20.7	-18.6
Belgium	95.1	97.9	95.5	80.7	22.2	22.0	- .9	-15.5
Australia	77.1	78.3	71.5	75.7	16.3	---	---	+ 5.9
Netherlands	21.5	21.4	21.8	20.5	4.9	---	---	- 6.0
Total	1,895.2	1,927.8	2,015.8	1,805.3	469.6	2/ 466.2	---	-10.5

1/ Consumption on woolen and worsted system only.
2/ Total excludes Australia and the Netherlands.

Compiled from reports of the Commonwealth Secretariat, Commodities Division, and the Bureau of the Census.

Table 23.--Production of wool and hair tops, worsted and woolen yarn, and wool woven fabrics, by specified countries, annual 1965-67, by quarters, January-March 1967 to date

Country	Year 1965	Year 1966	Year 1967	1967 Jan.-Mar.	1967 Apr.-June	1967 July-Sept.	1967 Oct.-Dec.	1968 Jan.-Mar.	Percentage change: Jan.-Mar. 1968 to Jan.-Mar. 1967	Percentage change: 1967 compared with 1966
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Pct.	Pct.
					Tops					
United Kingdom	247.6	229.8	203.1	56.4	55.6	43.0	48.1	57.0	+ 1.1	-11.6
France	188.8	211.0	169.7	50.0	44.1	33.9	41.8	51.2	+ 2.4	-19.6
Japan	273.3	313.7	305.7	76.3	77.3	76.0	76.1	74.3	- 2.6	- 2.6
Italy	117.8	178.0	162.3	44.3	39.3	36.4	36.0	35.3	-20.3	- 8.8
United States	174.7	166.4	140.6	33.5	35.9	33.2	36.6	39.9	+19.1	-15.5
West Germany	78.4	86.9	67.6	15.6	17.7	15.3	19.1	18.1	+16.0	-22.2
Belgium	64.8	63.0	52.5	15.3	13.7	10.6	12.9	13.5	-11.8	-16.7
Australia	51.2	47.0	47.7	10.6	12.9	12.7	11.5	---	---	+ 1.5
Uruguay	23.7	29.5	28.6	7.6	8.8	4.9	7.9	9.6	+26.3	- 3.1
Netherlands	2.6	2.2	1.6	.4	.5	.4	.3	---	---	-27.3
Total	1,222.9	1,327.5	1,179.4	310.0	305.8	266.4	290.3	1/ 298.9	---	-11.2
					Worsted yarn					
United Kingdom	227.0	221.3	193.1	49.7	50.8	42.6	50.0	55.3	+11.3	-12.8
Italy	166.1	203.6	195.7	51.2	45.1	44.8	49.2	48.5	- 5.3	- 3.9
France	183.6	214.2	180.3	49.2	49.2	34.6	47.4	47.1	- 4.3	-15.8
West Germany	139.7	155.8	130.6	29.9	33.0	30.1	37.6	36.4	+21.7	-16.2
Japan	238.7	261.7	268.0	64.8	66.1	68.3	68.7	64.1	- 1.1	+ 2.4
Belgium	94.6	104.6	93.8	22.8	24.9	23.8	26.7	27.0	+18.4	-10.3
Netherlands	20.8	19.7	17.0	4.4	4.6	3.8	4.2	---	---	-13.7
Australia	23.7	19.3	19.5	4.1	5.0	5.1	5.3	---	---	+ 1.0
Total	1,094.2	1,200.2	1,098.0	276.1	278.7	253.1	289.1	1/ 278.4	---	- 8.5
					Woolen yarn					
United Kingdom	321.8	314.7	304.4	77.1	80.1	65.7	81.4	85.0	+10.2	- 3.3
Italy	268.2	330.7	310.7	79.5	77.0	70.1	76.8	76.1	- 4.3	- 6.1
France	102.3	106.6	98.8	27.0	28.1	18.8	24.8	24.6	- 1.1	- 7.3
West Germany	133.1	112.7	95.2	23.7	24.4	20.5	26.6	24.3	+ 2.5	-15.5
Japan	103.5	100.6	94.4	22.7	25.0	23.9	22.7	20.7	- 8.8	- 6.2
Belgium	47.7	48.9	40.7	10.0	10.9	8.5	11.4	11.2	+12.0	-16.8
Netherlands	40.2	38.2	33.5	8.2	9.3	7.4	8.6	---	---	-12.3
Australia	30.9	31.4	33.9	6.8	8.8	9.3	9.0	---	---	+ 8.0
Total	1,047.5	1,083.8	1,011.6	255.0	263.6	224.2	261.3	1/ 241.9	---	- 6.7
					Woven fabrics					
	Mil. sq. yd.	Mil. sq. yd.	Mil. sq. yd.	Mil. sq. yd.	Mil. sq. yd.	Mil. sq. yd.	Mil. sq. yd.	Mil. sq. yd		
United States	434.2	431.2	385.6	100.6	100.7	86.7	92.4	107.6	+ 7.0	-10.6
United Kingdom	355.8	332.8	315.2	78.9	79.7	73.0	83.7	82.3	+ 4.3	- 5.3
Japan	413.7	418.7	456.9	105.4	109.2	118.7	123.6	102.6	- 2.7	+ 9.1
Italy	206.5	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	---	---
France	193.0	219.5	194.2	52.9	50.2	39.6	51.5	52.1	- 1.5	-11.5
West Germany	185.3	178.5	143.1	32.0	37.3	33.0	40.7	38.3	+19.7	-19.8
Netherlands	64.9	67.0	52.6	13.2	12.6	12.5	14.3	---	---	-21.5
Australia	34.5	31.1	32.2	7.0	8.4	8.3	8.5	---	---	+ 3.5
Total	1,887.9	1,678.8	1,579.8	390.0	398.1	371.8	414.7	1/ 382.9	---	- 5.9
Belgium (Mil. lb.)	38.2	37.2	31.7	8.4	7.9	6.4	8.6	7.9	- 6.0	-14.8
Italy (Mil. lb.)	---	254.0	237.8	60.8	---	---	60.5	58.4	- 4.0	- 6.4

1/ Total excludes Australia and the Netherlands. 2/ Statistics in square yards no longer published.
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